

RSU No. 5 Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, April 9, 2025 – 6:30 p.m.
Durham Community School - Cafeteria
Meeting Minutes
6:00-6:30 p.m. Q&A on the FY26 Adopted Budget

(NOTE: These Minutes are not official until approved by the Board of Directors. Such action, either to approve or amend and approve, is anticipated at the April 30, 2025 meeting).

1. CALLED TO ORDER:

Chair Michelle Ritcheson called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

2. MEMBERS PRESENT: Colin Cheney, Anna Child, Malik Farlow, Danielle George, Kara Kaikini, Elisabeth Munsen, Maura Pillsbury, Michelle Ritcheson, Kelly Sink, Stephanie Worth and Moon Tussing, Student Representative

MEMBERS ABSENT: Cheyenne Farrell

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

4. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:

A. **VOTED:** To approve the Minutes of March 26, 2025. (Munsen – Farrell) (10 – 0) The Student Representative voted with the majority.

5. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

Add Executive Session for Negotiations

Add Executive Session for Personnel Matter

6. GOOD NEWS AND RECOGNITION:

A. Report from Board's Student Representative - Moon Tussing

7. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Andrew Reagan, Durham

8. REPORTS FROM SUPERINTENDENT:

A. Support Staff New Hires: Jesse Adamo, Food Service Assistant
Heather Meier, FHS Office Secretary

B. Migration of Students

9. ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS:

A. Update from Durham Community School - Will Pidden

10. BOARD COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

None

11. POLICY REVIEW:

None

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A. **VOTED:** That the Vote entitled, "Vote to Call and Approve the Warrants for the Budget Meeting and the Budget Validation Referendum and to Authorize the Notice of Amounts Adopted," be approved in form presented to this meeting and that a copy of said Vote be included with the minutes of this meeting.
(Sink – George) (10 – 0) The Student Representative voted with the majority.

13. NEW BUSINESS:

None

14. PERSONNEL:

None

15. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

16. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- A. **VOTED:** To enter into Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A § 405(6)(D) for the purpose of discussing Educator and Educational Support Professional Negotiations.
(Sink – Munsen) (10 – 0) The Student Representative voted with the majority.

Time In: 6:56 p.m.

Time Out: 7:07 p.m.

17. ACTION AS A RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- A. **VOTED:** To approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the RSU5 Board of Directors and the Coastal Education Association regarding Maine Paid Family Medical Leave. (Sink – George) (10 – 0)

18. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- A. **VOTED:** To enter into Executive Session as outlined in 1 M.R.S.A § 405(6)(A) to discuss a personnel matter. (Pillsbury – Kaikini) (10 – 0)

Time In: 7:08 p.m.

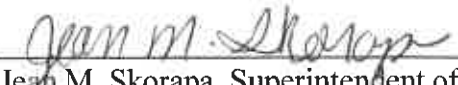
Time Out: 7:33 p.m.

19. ACTION AS A RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- A. **VOTED:** To accept the retirement of Jean Skorapa, effective October 1, 2025.
(Munsen – Cheney) (10 – 0)

20. ADJOURNMENT:

VOTED: To adjourn at 7:36 p.m. (Pillsbury – Kaikini) (10 – 0)


Jean M. Skorapa, Superintendent of Schools